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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--August 1981

I. GENERAL

The first major storm of the season made its appearance in the form of Typhoon Agnes. Military installations on the island went into Condition 1-Emergency the afternoon of 30 August and continued in that mode well into the next day when the storm began to swing to the northwest. Despite winds which gusted to 70 miles per hour on Kadena Air Base and at Bolo Point, the bureau and housing area sustained no damage. During the peak of the storm,

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. PRAVDA's political observer Yuri Zhukov reappeared on Moscow TV's "Talk on International Topics" program on 22 August. This was his first appearance since March; in the interim he was replaced on the show by Leonid Zamyatin, chief of the CPSU Central Committee International Information Department. The bureau filed an out-of-turn excerpt on Zhukov's comments on the neutron bomb, following with the text of the remainder of the talk. In a deviation from the program schedules of the previous months, there was no "Studio 9" show on 29 August, normally a regular feature on the last Saturday of the month.

2. The bureau assumed coverage of FUJIAN RIBAO, ZHEJIANG RIBAO, and XINHUA RIBAO effective 17 August.

3. At Hong Kong Bureau's request, Okinawa discontinued filing XINHUA Chinese logs to them after they determined that XINHAU service received there was almost totally different, tailored for overseas Chinese. Hong Kong in the future will advise Okinawa by service message when it has an item worth processing to avoid duplication.

4. Apparently the first Soviet comment on the 26 August North Korean firing on an SR-71 was monitored by the bureau from a Moscow Mandarin cast on 28 August. Chinese reaction followed by a day. Both Soviet and Japanese sources, including the Naha OKINAWA TIMES, noted that SR-71's are presumably based on Okinawa at Kadena, but neither gave prominence to this point.

5. The bureau filed a series of ZZ reports on the deaths of Iranian Prime Minister Bahonar and President Raja'i from AFP during the period Nicosia is closed and Okinawa has responsibility for Mideast flash coverage.

B. Communications

The bureau's primary Mode I and Mode V circuits were both down on 23 August from 0001 to 0400Z to give Yaedake ASC time to perform maintenance on some of its circuits. The bureau's "H" route was used during this outage. The Mode I terminal was down for a 48-hour period on 30 and 31 August while Guam ASC was upgrading equipment. The Mode V system was activated during the downtime.

C. Cruising

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2. A side benefit of the "blitz" cruising effort on the [] was the training given to TDY'er [] who spent the summer here learning the arcane art of cruising from []

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Chinese monitors [] remain on extended sick leave. Bill is to undergo surgery on 4 September for a tumor in his neck. [] who is in Taiwan suffering from hepatoma has requested a disability retirement. Associate editor [] returned to work on 14 August following surgery for gallstones. STAT
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2. [] arrived at the bureau on 18 August and assumed duties as deputy chief. He is accompanied by his three sons; [] will be arriving in October. STAT
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3. Editor [] arrived with his wife and child on 11 August. The new administrative officer, [] arrived on 19 August with his wife and five of his six children. He replaces [] who with his family was able to leave only belatedly on 2 September, after Typhoon Agnes left the area. STAT
[] is the last of ten new staff employees to arrive this summer. STAT
4. Monitors [] were promoted to FNG-10, and Y.C. Yen to FNG-09 effective 23 August. STAT
5. Logistics Officer [] and editor [] were promoted to GS-11 and editor [] and engineer [] to GS-10 effective 9 August. STAT
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6. [] dependent daughter of monitor [] was able to enter the U.S. on educational travel with apparently no immigration problems encountered. STAT
7. On 17 August [] signed a contract to do Beijing Russian programs until new Russian monitors are on board and operational. STAT
8. Local name checks have been completed on Russian monitor candidates [] and they have now been instructed to undergo medicals. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

A crew from Kadena Air Base spent approximately two days performing needed maintenance on the operations building air conditioning system. Both air handlers were disassembled to gain access to the fan motors for lubrication and cleaning. In addition, both condenser coils were cleaned of an excessive dirt buildup. As a result of the maintenance there has been a noticeable improvement in the building cooling capacity.

IV. VISITS

1. Hong Kong Bureau Chief [] en route to her new post, on 6 and 7 August. STAT

2. Seoul Bureau Chief [] on 6 August.

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3. [] of the Personnel and Training Branch,
Administrative Staff, 16-19 August.

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4. [] Chief, Field Engineering
Branch, Engineering Division, 26-31 August.

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V. OTHER

The FBIS Midsummer round-robin tennis tournament was won
by a ringer in the form of visiting Seoul honcho [] His
prize was a set of the two-volume "Guide to the Great Oriental
Dining Places in Mbabane."

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Attachments:

Production Reports

cc: Chief, Bangkok
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